

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend page 28, paragraph starting on line 7 as follows:

The three products from Examples 5A, 5B, and 5C were combined as a 60% solids solution in RHS solvent and hydrogenated for 1 hour at 275°C. under 1200 psi. hydrogen pressure using Cu 0890P catalyst. The results of the hydrogenation are listed in Table 2 3. The color of the hydrogenated solution was a very light 4.0 YID (5 cm. cell) despite the mild hydrogenation conditions, and the yield of R&B 100°C. resin after hydrogenation was a 96% based on change in % solids before and after hydrogenation.

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The hydrogenated product exhibited desirable tackifier properties, including, 100°C. R&B softening point, low OMSCP (<-70°C.), low MMAPI (48°C.) and low MW (Mz ~ 1200). The MMAPI value is indicative of a substantial aromatic content in the final hydrogenated resin product due to the hydrogenation catalyst choice. The residual aromatic content gives the resin product desirable compatibility and tackification properties.

Please amend page 28, paragraph starting on line 19 as follows:

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The combination of utilizing thermal reaction conditions to make a light colored resin before hydrogenation coupled with the selection of the proper hydrogenation catalyst combined to produce a very light colored resin product, ~~which retained sufficient~~

Please amend page 29, paragraph starting on line 19 as follows:

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The resin intermediates from the reactions of Examples 6 exhibited a nominal 115°C. softening point and 42°C. MMAPI with Mz value of only 1380. The measured yield of nominal 115°C. resin was 94%-97% (based on monomer).